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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to Office Action of January 29, 2003, please cancel Claim 12 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Fourth Amended) A container assembly comprising a closure for an open-ended container, and an open-ended container, the assembly comprising;

(i) a [pre-stressed] flexible membrane for closing the open end of the container.

(ii) a seal [disposed to lie] provided, in use of the closure, between the flexible membrane and the a container; and

(iii) a rigid cap having a resiliently deformable member juxtaposed to the flexible membrane in use of the closure, the resiliently deformable member, in use, pressing the flexible membrane against the container in the vicinity of the seal, thereby reinforcing the seal sufficiently to withstand pressures generated on [heating] cooking of the contents of the container,

(iv) [wherein,] the rigid cap [includes] including one of a cam and follower pair engageable in use, [of the closure] with the other of a cam and follower pair on a [said] container [, including a] neck, that is closeable by the closure, relative movement between the cam and follower in a predetermined direction causing the

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